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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2007, of which this Reply is filed within two months, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.